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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Serial No.: 10/016,746 Group Art Unit: 2854  
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Title: INNER PAPER GUIDE FOR MEDIA SHAPE CONTROL IN A PRINTER

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir/Madam:

This Amendment and Response is in reply to the Non-Final Office Action mailed January 16, 2003. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

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**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 14 and 20 as follows:

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14. (Amended) A media handling system for handling sheets of media, comprising:  
a pick roller structure having a circumferential media-contacting surface and arranged for rotation about a roller axis to contact and pick a sheet from an input source;  
a drive roller structure arranged for rotation about a drive roller axis;  
a media path extending between the pick roller structure and the drive roller structure;  
a first guide structure positioned along a first longitudinal edge of the media path and providing a first media guide surface above the sheet when passing along the media path;  
a second guide structure positioned along a second longitudinal edge of the media path and providing a second media guide surface below the sheet when passing along the media path;  
the media path between the first guide structure and the second guide structure has a media entrance adjacent the pick roller structure and a media exit adjacent the drive roller structure, the first and second guide surfaces positioned such that a distance between the first and second guide surfaces at said media entrance constrains the movement of a trailing edge of the media sheet as the trailing edge leaves the pick roller between the pick roller structure and the drive roller structure to minimize trailing edge print defects.